

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2026

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois, was held Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove with proper notices being duly and continuously posted. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Jeppson, Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Thompson, Lavieri, Herndon

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to allow Alderman Lavieri to attend the meeting remotely due to health reasons.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Jeppson, Crane

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson, Lavieri, and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri (remotely via phone call), Jeppson, Crane

Excused Absence: Aldermen Thompson and Herndon

Others Present: Finance Director John Duncan, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, Police Chief Jason Stubler, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, and City Attorney James McPhedran

A quorum was present.

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove opened the floor for public comment, inviting residents to share their thoughts and concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held January 19, 2026. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the:

Request from Buzzy's for a 2026 Raffle License.

Request from Cops 4 Cancer for a 2026 Raffle License.

Request from Peru Education Foundation for a 2026 Raffle License.

Request from IVCC Foundation for a 2026 Raffle License.

Request from Illinois Valley Realtors for a 2026 Raffle License.

Request from Citizens for Olivero for a 2026 Raffle License.

Request from Stage 212 for a 2026 Raffle License.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve the request from Fajita's Restaurant to replace existing sign panels with two double-facing, illuminated sign panels at 1840 St. Vincent Avenue and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMUNICATIONS

BIDS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to accept the appointment of Mr. Jim Collins to the Library Board.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane, Demes

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Ptak explained that due to the City's ongoing support of the La Salle Business Association (LBA), the LBA is waiving the annual membership fee for the City.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept an annual membership to the La Salle Business Association (LBA).

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee regarding a request from Art Riewaldt for a Redevelopment Incentive Program (RIP) grant totaling \$9,716.00 for south side facing facade and \$3,222.50 for west side facing façade for (premises located at 833 Third Street) and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane, Demes, Ptak

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Alderman Ptak advised the Council that concerns were raised at the Finance Committee meeting regarding scheduling of Illinois Valley Baseball League games in La Salle. Mayor Grove indicated a meeting occurred with the League regarding scheduling and La Salle will have more games.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a \$300 donation to Illinois Valley Baseball League, LLC and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney James McPhedran indicated the following motion would allow the process of sale by auction to begin.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak to Potential Placing for Sale of the City's Interest in the premises commonly known as 1570 Fourth Street, La Salle, Illinois, and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Jeppson, Crane, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Crane to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 110 of The City of La Salle Code of Ordinances Regarding Days of Restricted Sales of Alcoholic Liquors and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Crane, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of The City of La Salle Code of Ordinances Regarding Abolishing the La Salle Promotion and Advisory Council ("LPAC") and Related Matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapters 30, 31, 32 And 98 of the City of La Salle Code of Ordinances Regarding City Parks (Abolishing the Recreation Board and the Park Development Committee) and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane, Demes

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of La Salle regarding Electric Vehicle Chargers and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois, to borrow funds from The Public Water Supply Loan Program (For Construction of Water Main Replacements and Related Matters).

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Jeppson, Crane, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Grove stated there was no need for an executive session.

Alderman Reynolds expressed concern about the condition of a downtown building. Mayor Grove indicated Building Inspector Dennis Hocking would follow up.

Alderman Jeppson reported that for the first time in school history the Lincoln Junior High School Lynx boys' basketball team is headed to the final four at the state tournament. Mayor Grove stated they would receive an escort with sirens into La Salle upon their return.

Mayor Grove thanked everyone who has been diligently working to repair broken pipes, fight fire, etc. during this year's especially cold weather.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and file the bills: Total Submitted: \$993,822.17 (Total Payroll \$240,678.96, Bills to be Paid \$503,878.06, Total Bills Paid \$249,265.15).

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Crane, Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson

NAYS: NONE **Absent:** Thompson and Herndon **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:48 p.m.



Liz Bishop, City Clerk